

City of Newport Beach

Newport Beach City Arts Commission September 11, 2008 – 5:00pm Central Library Friends Room

Convened at 5:06pm

Call To Order And Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Robert Smith
Wendy Brooks
Kirwan Rockefeller, Vice Chair
Robyn Grant, Chair

Commissioners Absent: Gerald Allison, Rita Goldberg, Gil Lasky

Staff Present: Jana Barbier, Staff Liaison, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Public Present: Gloria Monrian, Newport Harbor Nautical Museum, Marie Marston, Newport Beach Arts Foundation

Public Comments: Staff introduced Gloria Moun gian and noted that they had recently met regarding NHNM arts programming. Ms. Moun gian provided information on the museum's new Art Station, as well as an upcoming "SoCalPAPA Paints the Back Bay" event.

Marie Marston invited the Arts Commissioners to an upcoming "Arts and Crafts Show" on November 9 from 9:00am until 5:00pm at the Temple Bat Yam. She mentioned that the summer art show would be taking place again this year.

Approval of Minutes: It was MSP (Rockefeller/Brooks) to approve the August 14, 2008 minutes.

New Business: Chair Robyn Grant reminded the commissioners that the OC Artist Juried Exhibition and Sale had been scheduled on the calendar for Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Central Library.

Commissioner Rockefeller noted that if commissioners or public had questions regarding the design of a new city hall and park behind the library, that information was available on the City website in a 2002 needs assessment called "City Hall Design & Park Master Plan." Rockefeller noted that he had read in "General Design Parameters" that a 150-seat Council Chamber was planned.

Continued Business:

Staff Report /Correspondence - Staff report was reviewed and filed.

Committee Updates:

Fine Arts Committee – Grant noted that she had met with staff and Kirwan Rockefeller prior to the Arts Commission meeting to review this committee's selection of artists scheduled to exhibit their work at Central Library and at City Hall through 2010. Artist Paul Bryan, Jr. was having his reception that evening and had invited commissioners to stop by the Friends Room following the meeting.

Performing Arts Committee – Tabled for next meeting

Cultural Arts Center – None

Arts Foundation Liaison Committee – Reported on under Public Comments

Art in Public Places/Historical Preservation Committees - Commissioner Smith had prepared a handout for the Arts Commission listing websites to check out regarding public art in cities. Secondly, he updated the committee on the City Hall selection process, noting that 5 finalists would be presenting their designs in council chambers on September 27, starting at 8:00am. Smith noted that deliberations are open to the public and at each meeting the public would have an opportunity to comment.

Smith had contacted the Jaime Murillo in the Planning Department regarding his interest in the Medical Arts Complex on Westcliff Dr. Murillo had provided information for Smith that an architectural firm is starting assessment of the building as a historic resource. The report was due to be completed in a month and the developer will then decide how he wants to proceed (either to finish the EIR for the proposed phased project or pursue some other alternative.)

Commissioner Announcements – None

It was MSP (Grant/Rockefeller) to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment: 6:08p.m.